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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION DEPARTMENT
(AGRI.II)

MODIFICATION ORDERS ISSUED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF PRADHAN MANTRI FASAL BIMA YOJANA (P.M.F.B.Y) AND RESTRUCTURED WEATHER BASED CROP INSURANCE SCHEME (R.W.B.C.I.S) - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CROP INSURANCE SCHEME FOR RABI, 2019-20 BY THE GOVERNMENT, AS A 100% STATE SCHEME FOR ALL THE CULTIVATORS, WHO ARE CULTIVATING AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE CROPS AS NOTIFIED BY THE AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION DEPARTMENT FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE IN THE SPECIFIED AREAS, PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ANDHRA PRADESH GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

[G.O.Ms.No.119, Agriculture & Cooperation (AGRI.II), 22nd December, 2019.]

Read the following :-

1. G.O.Rt.No. 343, Agri. & Coop. (Agri.II) Dept , Dated: 17.05.2019.
2. G.O.Ms.No.55 & 56 Agri. & Coop. (Agri.II) Dept, dated:29.05.2019.
3. G.O.Ms.No.62 Agri. & Coop. (Agri.II) Dept, Dated. 15.07.2019.
4. Cabinet Resolution No. 427/2019, dated:12.12.2019.
5. G.O.Ms.No. 157, Finance (ADMN.III-DI & DSA) Department, dated:20.12.2019.

NOTIFICATION

In the G.Os 1st and 2nd read above, orders were issued for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Schemes (RWBCIS) during Kharif, 2019 and Rabi, 2019-20 seasons.

Further, Government also decided to pay farmers' share of premium by the State Government on behalf of the farmers from this year Kharif, 2019 onwards, to reduce financial burden on the farmers and accordingly, Notification was issued in the G.O. 3rd read above. This announcement of Free Crop Insurance helped to increase enrollment during Kharif, 2019 considerably. Still, many challenges have been observed for achieving 100% coverage of Crop Insurance for the Crops Notified under PMFBY & RWBCIS in the State as intended by the Government. Nearly 1/3rd of the total notified area not covered under Insurance during Kharif, 2019. Hence, it is necessitated to modify the existing procedure to be more farmers friendly so as to cover each and every acre of land under Crop Insurance.

Government, vide G.O. 5th read above, have issued orders for formation of Andhra Pradesh General Insurance Corporation Limited, to establish under the Companies Act, 2013, with an authorized share capital of Rs.101.00 crores, as a 100% State owned entity primarily for taking care of insurance needs of the farming sector.

Government after careful consideration of the matter, hereby order for implementation of the Crop Insurance Scheme for Rabi, 2019-20 by the Government, as a 100% State Scheme for all the cultivators, who are cultivating Agriculture & Horticulture crops as notified by the Agriculture & Cooperation Department for insurance coverage in the specified areas, pending establishment of the Andhra Pradesh General Insurance Company Limited, with the following modalities:

- a. The cultivators, whose data is uploaded in the prescribed website of the Agriculture Department, **after joint azmoish** by the Agriculture & the Revenue Department functionaries of the Village Secretariat, before the crop-wise cut-off dates notified by the Agriculture Department, will be eligible for coverage under the scheme.
- b. The existing procedure for determination of crop loss & the settlement of claims, as stipulated under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) & the Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) shall mutatis-mutandis be adopted in the implementation of the scheme.
- c. No premium subsidy shall be paid to any agency either by the cultivators or by the Government. The State Government shall directly settle all the eligible claims & remit the claim amount to Aadhar Linked bank account of concerned cultivators.

- d. The Agriculture Department shall be the Nodal Department for the implementation of the scheme & for ensuring coordination for timely azmoish, conduct of crop-cutting experiments & settlement of the claims.
- e. The Revenue Department shall also be responsible for joint azmoish & the Planning Department responsible for timely conduct of crop cutting experiments and furnishing the crop yield data.

The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P, Guntur, shall take all further safeguards, as may be necessary, so that the benefit of the scheme is availed by all the genuine & eligible cultivators and also to ensure all cultivators can receive justified compensation quickly for the crop losses they actually suffered. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P, Guntur, shall also issue detailed operational guidelines for implementation of the Scheme.

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